

Eric Leeds

Eric J. Leeds is the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. In that role, he directs staff responsible for the development and implementation of rulemaking, licensing, oversight, and event response activities at the power reactors and research and test reactors in the United States.

Specifically, Mr. Leeds develops policy and guidance for reactor facilities, oversees the implementation of policies established for license extension activities, sets the agency's inspection policies, which are implemented at reactor facilities nationally by four regional offices, oversees rulemaking activities for reactors, and dispositions emerging technical issues that affect operating facilities. Mr. Leeds represents NRC reactor programs both domestically and internationally, and is also a critical member of the agency's Emergency Response Team should an event occur at a domestic facility.

Mr. Leeds began his career in the United States Navy where he served as an officer in the naval nuclear program. He joined the NRC in 1984, serving in a variety of engineering and inspection areas. He was selected for the agency's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in 1999. In 2000, he became Chief, Special Projects Branch in the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). In 2003, he became Deputy Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, NRR, and in 2004, he was assigned as Director, Division of Preparedness and Response, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR). Since February of 2007, Mr. Leeds served as Deputy Director, NMSS, prior to joining his current position in NRR beginning May 2008.

Mr. Leeds holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University. He is married, residing in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife and two sons.